# NEWS AND NOTES OF PLAYS AND PLAYERS

# Rex Beach Strays On a Blind Trail Justine Johnstone has set a Spartan

giving us.

The immense amount of interest Brand." Pictures and life and the the Poli Stock Company at Waterbury, felt in the forthcoming series of Emi- weather and the rents and the im- Conn. nent Authors Pictures has still to base perfections of humanity in general-a fairly heavy load, even for a reviewer a large part of its confidence upon the reach. While other eminent authors widle it; put, we are told, his money on it and now rides it as a winner. on it and now rides it as a winner.

at what period we passed out of the herself.

Conduct like this certainly warms the difficulties of our own life into the "I alw heart. We do not wonder that a flock of eminent authors are now at the more tolerable and reviving difficulties that's why I'm here," she explains, heels of this powerful shepherd, that we began to breathe a tonic vigor the stage has been utterly alien to my greatly to the ultimate advantage, and rigor that changed the whole cirthere can be little doubt, of themselves, the motion picture business and the culation of our mind. We merely found the matter. My career thus far, if you

pected, a capital scenario. It has swift, happy economy in sub-titles; the pro-

does not pretend to stir nor to enchant for a moment allowed to throw a there." us. We have a "rattling good story" romantic light upon the squalid, bonebut it is in just that amber atmosphere aching, sordid grubbiness of digging "Gaieties of 1919" To Be that we are annoyed by things that for a living in that ice-bound, ironrattle. The clank of machinery, no bound land. matter how well run, does not make . The picture is moulded with such led to hope, nothing but the excited slowly to loom up out of the very landscape as a great rock does, and

When you follow up such a title with sing years, the sense of the town a huge revue.

not say it is beautiful" as the soldier not to want them. These things have book is by Edgar Smith. cries in "Under Fire." And the truth in them a veracity, a faithfulness, a atmosphere of brilliant and tragic ad- the rock. venture, of maskers mistaken for each other, of flowers that give a death signal, of love at first sight amid cloaked dangers and mute, armed men in the costume of the holiday masquerde, forever-and most decoratively!-lovers, through all those amber alleys and bronze barns and shadowy courts, things that spell poetry or that spell

Probably from a desire to keep up the pace the characterizations are too erude and abrupt to do anything toward bridging the difference between the acon and the atmosphere; in what we may call the "sympathetic heavy" the producers seem nervously aware of this and have got the part considerably overacted. He first enters in a secret flight to an old curio shop and goes through something like the beginning of a brigand's dance, so ostentatiously does he peer and hearken up and down the street; then frames himself in the doorway with outstretched arms, then whirls around and shoots through, a truly remarkable entrance for a man eager to avoid attention! Of course, definite piece of business like this the work not of the actor but of his director, and so, too, must be the insistence upon the fluffy and fussy comedy effects with which Owen Moore muffs up the hero. We should never ourselves have selected Mr. Moore for languidly airy millionaire, wearytill adventure vivifies him of this prossic world, but we remember too distinetly the bold outline and spirited nor of his performance in "Susan Rocks the Boat" to blame upon him cosy air of baby talk with which eccepts his various startling fates. Whatever confusion of our own feelng all this resulted in, we certainly teck it with us when we rushed up to favorite eleven-cent theatre, where you can see enduring pictures long after they have escaped from downtown, and somewhat belatedly estiled ourselves before the next to Justine Johnson

Aspires to Act task for herself this summer by desertthe last Rex Beach production, "The ing Broadway and allying herself with

Why Justine Johnstone, one of the pictures already produced by Rex -had brought us to "The Brand" in a most photographed and best advertised somewhat fussed and fevered state; beauties in the world, whose salary as at wan and shuddering at the inequities of the motion picture business, tre's grateful darkness, only to cast music show was reputed to be what a ourselves upon the movement of the king's ransom used to be before the ustice which resides in the ceiling." picture, any picture, till it should bottom fell out of the king market. Mr. Beach sallied out to study the draw us into its own rhythm; not till has relinquished this assured career in monster, to learn its paces, saddle and then could we attend to its signstcance. We have very little recollection drudgery of a provincial stock comof an intermediate state We do not know pany is interestingly explained by

"I always wanted to be an actress-

the motion picture business and the motion picture public. Meanwhile we have seen two Rex Beach pictures in one week and they have left our feel
little mixed.

Culation of our mind. We interly found to make the motion picture business and the ourselves living in that Alaskan town and contending, in absolute refreshment, with the cold grip of the Alaskan climate. Evidently we had already now launched upon is of my own choosen in the face of This mixedness begins with the title whole weight upon the picture; it was of "The Crimson Gardenia"—to our so sound and solid and knew its story-telling business so thoroughly that we have the control of the crimson Gardenia"—to our so sound and solid and knew its story-telling business so thoroughly that we have the control of the c ing romantic and mysterious melo- had no fear of its giving way and let- been able to devise. Indeed, the very drama. And let us joyfully pronounce ting us get that bad fall in the last fact that I stand so utterly alone has this melodrama's many sterling qualiolution never to go back to the stage In "The Brand" the little vaudeville except as an actress in legitimate timuity, some good tricks and quick actress, adventuring into Alaska with drama. I may not become a very great surprises, with a delightful and exciting seene in a telephone exchange and a her there in his gold-hunt, marries for world that I shall be, but I can and limiting the control of the cheap skate of a lover who deserts world that I shall be, but I can and scene in a telephone exchange and a her there in his gold-hunt, marries for livelihood and protection a middle-aged will become a good actress. I have ducing has been not only handsomely Alaskan hero, wearies of his boring managed to get a place in a stock combut imaginatively done, with real feel- kindness, his snowed-up house, the in- pany, because I believe that the stock ing for the picturesque, and a glamour- cessant struggle with broken finger- company system not only constitutes ous photography. What more do we nails and frozen grease in the kitchen the best training for any player, but or unconsciously, it does pretend to be something else! It pretends to be commetting else! It pretends to be commended from all over Mantomance.

It makes this pretension in its title.

It makes this pretension of next the predent the dancing acceptably, but it they never the dancing acceptably, but it they nearly the dancing acceptably.

It is a day of downright the proprietors.

It is a day of downr in its use of the masks and costumes something which we blinkingly guess done six parts now, none of them in the in three Shakespearian revivals, under Hopwood, entitled "The Gold Diggers." veils it in a glow of golden shadow. Within this shadowy glow the lively struggle works itself out against the sween remaining weeks. At portant announcement. They will apportant announcement. They will apportant announcement. They will apport announcement announcement. They will apport announcement and a struggle works itself out against the seven remaining weeks. At portant announcement announcem its momentum carries it over the usual them, so magnificent to the comfort- roles. In this way I hope some day to Shakespearean productions. inconsistencies with uncommon smooth- able spectator and moulding the pic- arrive. In fact, it seems to me the ness, sufficient for any entertainment ture and the attention so completely only way one can arrive with any asness, sufficient for any entertainment ture and the attention so completely only way one can arrive with any as-which is merely entertainment and inside that frozen world. But never surance of staying when one gets

matter now well run, does not make. The picture is modulated with such up to us for hearing, as we had been strength and continuity that it seems to become an annual event in these of Susan Lenox," and a Thief," a mystery pray by Edward E. new comedy by Rachel Crothers, called Rose from the "Paymaster" stories of parts, will have its New York premiere "He and She." There will be a new Richard Washburn Child; "A Regular parts, will have its New Tork premiers on Monday evening. June 30, after a "Passing Show of 1919" at the Winter York Globe"; "Cap'n Warren's Wards," You cannot call your picture "The as the picture grows the middle-aged trial the present week in Atlantic City.

Alaskan grows too: with the warm took with the warm of Jo-Crimson Gardenia" without committing yourself to all the elegance and develope into a manufacture of Russell Simpson he presented by the Winter Garden Compared to the way of develope into a manufacture of the manufacture mystery and passionate splender of develops into a monumental, legend-pany, will not attempt to follow the the musical plays are the English "Oh, Lady Friend," a new musical con omance as deeply as if you called it any hero, like some cross old eagle, pattern of the "Passing Shows," Uncle," the French "Bal Tabarin," for Charlotte Greenwood, and "Want-Edgar Allan Poe or Lucrezia Borgia. solitary and inscrutable. The pas- though it assumes the proportions of "Buzz Buzz" and "The Belle of Trou-

dagger, a mask and a blood-stained hand, the brute vengeance that, as as the permanent home of the The plans of George C. Tyler promise at the Fuiton about Labor Day. flower, you have got us into a fit dumbly and as potently as a machine. "Gaieties," where each summer there Laurette Taylor's return to New York Comstock & Gest will reopen the condition to start for Venice or to see he at last wreaks upon the hero, all will be a new series of this type. The in a new play. Three plays that have Century Theatre with "Aphrodite," a The Jest" but not to descend upon a mount into the incomparable pride production has been staged by J. C. already had preliminary tryouts in huge spectacle of ancient Egypt, made counterfeiters. We cannot with which he bears his wife and fluffman, who is in command of Win- Washington and that will be seen here from the novel of Pierre Louys. It ild back to his own cerie because ter Garden shows. Allan K. Foster early in the season are "On the Hiring will require a cast of 300 persons even when you entice us by making he wants them; instead of maunder- and Kuy Kendall are responsible for Line," a satirical comedy by Harvey them crippled and epileptic. There is ing through the commonplace pride the dances. The music of the O'Higgins and Harriet Ford; "Made of nothing romantic about catching of barring them out because the con"Gaieties" is by Jean Schwartz and Money," by Richard Washburn Child crooks. "Say it is necessary but do ventional conception is that he ought the lyrics are by A! Bryant. The and Porter Emerson Brown, in which George Middleton, will open at the

mechanical and convenient credulity seems to ask whether it is not realwhich leads the heroine to entrap the ism itself which is the great adventure. Of bathers who make the surf bathing He will also be seen in a play entitled another, early of which leads the heroine to entrap the hero, though we might have been glad enough to enjoy them as prime sensational "crook stuff," disappoint us as flower in the cranny of that rock; the flower calls to many an adventure.

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Beau Revel," which Louis Joseph another early offering. "The Luck of Vance is now writing for him. Booth Tarkington comedy entitled the brought over and installed at the Manhattan Opera House in September. pretty cheap and mean material when flower calls to many an adventurer other attraction in this amusement of the control of th we come upon them through all this with the voice of a siren, but give us city is in full swing, with added free tion on July 7 in Atlantic City. It 'attractions changed every week.

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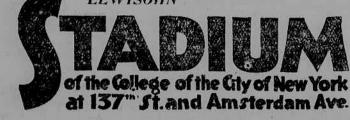
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# Dramatic Events Cast Their Shadows Before

A partial list of plays promised by ber. A new farce by Avery Hopwood, ous photography. What more do we want, then, from a picture which says want, then the picture which says want. want, then, from a picture which says in its own advertising that it is meloin its o drama pure and simple and doesn't lover. In the tumultuous and savage the thousand and one defects of which I entertainment is on the way. At this and a play by Edgar Selwyn, in which drama pure and simple and doesn't lover. In the tumutuous and savage am personally conscious. For the first stage the announcements are, of Roland Young and Marion Coakley are behaves so badly that you hardly see time in my life I have known the zest course morely tentative but they prothat's exactly the thing consciously that you hardly see time in my life I have known the zest to be featured, are a few of the proof a big city. The huge jazz orchestra or unconsciously, it does pretend to be something else! It pretends to be each other, but they never be- times sixteen hours a day of downright course, merely tentative, but they pro- to be featured, are a few vide an interesting indication of next jected Selwyn productions.

ville." Walker Whiteside and William with book by Glen McDonough and decorative sub-title displaying a that grows up in the hollow of his The 4ith Street Theatre is planned Hodge are to be starred in new plays. The 4ith Street Theatre is planned to be starred in new plays.

> The Woods plans include several English and French plays. W. Somer-other spectacle acquired by Mr. Comset Maugham's new farce, "Too Many stock in his recent pfigrimage. Husbands," with Kenneth Douglas; "The Unknown Woman," by Marjonie Stothart. Blaine and Stanley Lewis, and Pauline The chief features of the Coburns's Willard Mack. "Little Love Birds," a Horses." by Ralph E. Dyer and Willard Mack. beth." will be one of the earliest of the Grace George will make another at-

open the first with a new play, still unnamed, Eugene Walters's "The Challenge," with Holbrook Blinn, will open at the Selwyn Theatre on August 11. Donald Brian and Wallace Eddinger are to be co-starred in "Buddies," by George V. Hobart. "Wedding Bells," a comedy, by Salisbury Field, with Margaret Laurence in the leading rôle, will be produced early in October. A musical comedy by Roi Cooper Megrue, P. G. Wodehouse and Raymond Hubbell, entitled "Among the Girls," will be seen here some time in Septem- Daily Mattheen, the 25c, 50c, Nights, 25c to \$1.00 Seals two Weeks in Advance, Smoking Permitted.

A list of the Shubert produc"Mme. Sappho," a new comedy by only seventeen years old, is the youngFrederic and Fanny Hatton, written as est jazz orchestra leader in the busiTonopah region. During his absence tract. day," a play by Cosmo Hamilton, Miles to Arden," a romantic comedy which has scored heavily in Chicago; with which Oliver Morosco will take George V. Hobart's dramatization of over Winthrop Ames's Little Theatre; First of a Series David Graham Phillips's novel, "The Thompson Buchanan; "The Master Fall and Rise of Susan Lenox," and a Thief," a mystery pray by Edward E.

Lynn Fontanne will be given promi- Longacre on August 18. "The Light nence, and "A Young Man's Fancy," a of the World," a drama by the same is that the counterfeiters and the blind mother and the police and the too blind mother and the police and the too mechanical and convenient credulity mechanical and convenient credulity seems to ask whether it is not realdeals with the curious adventure of a returned soldier. In the autumn Europe G. O'Noill's five long see play.

Mr. Bolton is also the author with gene G. O'Neill's first long sea play, P. G. Wodehouse of a musical comedy, "Chris Christophsen," will be produced. "See You Later," for which Jean A comedy of youth entitled "The Schwartz has written the music. Musi-Golden Age." by Sidney Toler and cal plays will be made from the old Marion Short, is also on the Tyler farces "Brewster's Millions" and "The

> Harold Brighouse's farce "The Ban- several new musical plays, among Arthur Hammerstein will produce tam, V. C.," with Ernest Truex in the them a version of William Collier's title rôle, and "The Great Illusion," "Never Say Die," a new piece which adapted from the French of Sascha Rida Johnson Young is writing in col-Guitry by Avery Hopwood, are among laboration with Lee Roberts, and anthese. Marjorie Rambeau will star in other by Tommy Gray and Herbert

Dictator." "Mecca," Oscar Ashe's suc-

cessor to "Chu Chin Chow," is an-

Frederick will be seen with Thomas enterprises will be a play by Louis K. Wise in "Lady Tony," a melodrama by Anspacher, entitled "All the King's They themselves will refarce by Wilson Collison and Avery main in New York with "The Better Hopwood, will have John Cumberland 'Ole," and send another company on and Doris Kenyon in the leading rôles, tour with De Wolf Hopper as the Florence Moore will be seen in "Break- star. They have under consideration fast in Bed." "A Voice in the Dark," appearing in a production of "Mac-

Woods productions. Barney Bernard tempt to establish a stock company is to be starred in a new play by similar in character to the famous or-Montague Glass and Jules Eckert Good- ganizations of the past. To this end she is acquiring a number of new The Selwyns will open two new the- American plays. She has in preparaatres, the Times Square and the For- tion "She Would and She Did," a ty-second Street, both of which are in comedy by Mark Reed, and "The course of erection. Jane Cowl will Ruined Lady," by Frances Nordstrom.

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rancis and George Davis.

dazzle through the trees. One can ner hour. A small orchestra renders Mrs. Castle has been revealed among

Glades, at Broadway and Sixty-sixth of Ragtime. There is a country vision of Harry Bigg. weber's that makes one feel quite "at "Blossom Festival," the only ice home"—the hostesses always see that

ice, known as "On the Carpet," which and then whisked them away to the of their work. This fact has developed delights all who are fond of this form opening of the Ziegfeld Follies. It is from the admission of Miss Beatrice said that it was the most important Hemming, a typist in the auditing de-Among the favorites in the big revue night the old roof has ever known. partment of Luna Park, Coney Island. are Elsie and Paulsen, Cathleen Pope, Among those seen dining there were She states that Buddie's Castle House the Misses Judels and Peterson, Margot Mrs. Charles B. Alexander, Mr. and Band, which gives vent to so much jazz and Davis, the Famous Skating Octet, Mrs. James Speyer, Mr. and Mrs. Rus- in the Luna ballroom, has wooed her Miss Helen Hardick, Yvonne Darie, sell G. Colt, Mr. and Mrs. Morgan away from the harmonies of the mas-Peggy Lavelle, Swann Wood, Harry Belmont, Mr. Otto Kahn, Mrs. Oscar ters. L. Richard, Mr. Condé Nast, Mr. and Mr. Healy's country resort, the May- Mrs. Frederick T. Frelinghuysen, Mrs. November Farm, at Hartsdale, N. Y., John Wanamaker, jr., Mrs. Florenz the Moulin Rouge continues to be a is another of his summer offerings Ziegfeld (Billie Burke) and a party of popular rendezvous of the after theatre twelve, Mr. and Mrs. Gurnee Munn and crowds. Faithfully reflecting the gay ever so many more notables of society. Young Paris of ante-bellum days, this The roof gardens have also hit their Indeed, one man had to wait so long dining and dance establishment has besummer stride. Among the most popu- for a table that he was an hour late come a potent factor in the night life lar is the Hurricane Deck of the Ma- for the Follies, but he insisted that of Broadway. Although dance is king, jestic Hotel roof. This roof, which is an appetite before July 1 was very Manager Spear has provided a diverting winding roadways and lights that continues to be very lovely at the din-

in its use of the masks and costumes of the masks and costumes of the Mardi Gras and above all in that at in our own natures if trans- least alike, and I have a new part in least alike machines as they are parked. It seems Frank H. Maynard, of 400 Park Avenue, tour in "The Auctioneer" in Septem- We went up to Reisenweber's the that the Long Island member of the gave at Churchill's for one hundred cartoonist, and his nephew, Julian Al- made a "strike" at Basin, Jefferson No. 3. The applause given them by the The Morosco productions include berti. By the way, Julian, who is County, Mont., and bought an interest men was so vociferous that Mr. Church-"Mme. Sappho,," a new comedy by only seventeen years old, is the young- in a sure enough gold mine in the ill immediately placed them under con

Heath Inn fame, looked after their "gold mines" at home, and reports that

With the advent of real hot weather ness, and Harry tells me that he will Avenue Hotel's Sunkey Palm Garden the sight of a huge ice rink, with soon be seen playing at a popular caba- took place Thursday evening. The skating stars gliding sensationally ret. We danced with Marie As- garden is laid out in the large court tor, Irma Coigne and Ted Barry, and around which the hotel is built. One about and enough ice to frighten "Liza mighty good dancers they are if we of its features is an electric fountain, into staying on the other shore," is a are any judge of dancing. They are around which a dance floor is built. feature that always attracts capacity assistant hostesses to Sophie Tucker, Harold Stern's Military Orchestra renaudiences to Thomas Healy's Golden of Ragtime." There is a certain some- Garden is under the personal super-

and even a new group of Miss Tucker's Lieutenant Tim Brymn, otherwise

Typists and accountants who were roadhouses. New features are added On Monday night the roof garden formerly accustomed to hit the keys or each week to attract the most exacting amusement seeker into a return visit, its splendor. A constant stream of au run a column of figures to the tune of a mentally hummed aria or folk song A musical comedy number follows the tomobiles brought guests for dinner, have now changed to jazz for the tempo

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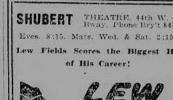
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